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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Golec, et al.
ASSIGNEE: Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated
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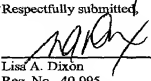
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1), applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated February 7, 2003. With the extension, a response is due on or before August 7, 2003.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$930.00 that is due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) to Deposit Account No. 50-0725. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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